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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NRO

1. The following is proposed:

- a. That there be constituted an Executive Authority comprised of a representative of the Office of Defense and a representative of the DCI. *& the Secy* A possible third member would be a representative of the White House. This body would be empowered with full authority to formulate policy and arrive at firm decisions on all of the broad aspects of the national reconnaissance effort.
- b. In particular, it would be responsible for reviewing and determining ²²the national reconnaissance budget and assisting in presenting the budget to the Congress. Each line organization would itself fund ²for the projects assigned to it by the Executive Authority.
- c. It would determine the extent and levels of research and development ⁷supporting the reconnaissance field and would allocate specific responsibilities, both for programs in their developmental stage and for programs in their operative phases, to line organizations. This body would be responsive to USIB for all requirements in the overhead reconnaissance field, but would otherwise make all determinations including those of an operational character as required (except those aspects clearly under 303 cognizance).

X-CIA
2- approving?

3- "budget from"
+ exercise exclusive fiscal
authority for funds appropriated by
the Congress to the for programs
approved by the Executive Authority
4. a. operations

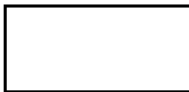
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- d. Representatives of the line organizations that will be charged with carrying out the decisions of this body should sit as observers at meetings of the top authority.
- e. The NRO as now constituted and all of the agreements related thereto would be superseded and a staff element only required to support the responsibilities of the Executive Authority, including the necessary coordination.
- f. In considering the appropriate allocation of present programs, the following is suggested:

To the Air Force:

CORONA [redacted] OX
[redacted] and its subsidiary systems.

To CIA:

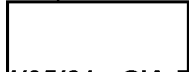
U-2, [redacted]
[redacted]

This would leave for future determination the allocation of an indications satellite and other programs now in their formative stages.

- g. It will be noted that the proposed allocation of programs would probably require CIA to fund for a total figure which would be considerably smaller than was the case in the years when the U-2, OXCART, and CORONA were in their developmental stages. It should be further noted that the allocation of program responsibility to CIA would probably permit a ceiling reduction of [redacted] slots based on current estimates.
- h. Attached is a diagram of command channels and other relationships proposed.



5 - perhaps consultants, as opposed to observers
6 - let's not give away proposed development effort!



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